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ATTACK BY ISRAELI NAVAL AND AIR UNITS ON AN ALLEGED US FLAG VESSEL REPORTED BY REFTEL. ISRAELIS OBVIOUSLY SHOCKED BY ERROR AND TENDER SINCERE APOLOGIES. INVESTIGATION NOW UNDER WAY TO OBTAIN MORE INFO ABOUT VESSEL. ISRAELIS DO NOT INTEND GIVE ANY PUBLICITY TO INCIDENT. URGE STRONGLY THAT WE TOO AVOID PUBLICITY. IF IT IS US FLAG VESSEL ITS PROXIMITY TO SCENE CONFLICT COULD FEED ARAB SUSPICIONS OF US-ISRAEL COLLUSION.

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